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The staff of the U.S. Navy Museum in Washington, DC is looking forward to your visit this year. We know that many of your groups have also enjoyed tour display ship *Barry* as part of your visit to the Washington Navy Yard in the past. **As of April 1, 2011, we regret to inform you that group access to *Barry* from the Washington Navy Yard will be extremely restricted on weekdays.** Visitors will still be able to access *Barry* through the Navy Yard on weekends.

Naval Support Activity Washington (NSAW), the Command controlling base access and security, is planning to open the Washington D.C. Southeast Riverwalk on April 1, 2011. Due to security restrictions, the gates leading from the Navy Yard to *Barry* will be locked. There will be a turnstile that individuals may walk through to access the Riverwalk, but a special access card will be needed to re-enter the gate. Individuals without an access card will need to walk to the public access turnstile outside of the Navy Yard at the 11th and O St SE gate and then back onto the Washington Navy Yard through security to rejoin their group on the base, or buses will need to exit the Navy Yard to pickup groups outside the gate. Initial opening conditions of the Dear Tour Associate:

Riverwalk will be significantly restrictive and Museum staff has been informed that Riverwalk closures could be frequent and with little advanced warning.

Both the Museum and the Naval History and Heritage Command (NHHC) have enjoyed a beneficial working relationship with the crew of *Barry* for many years and we are saddened to see the end of public access to the ship on weekdays through the Navy Yard. We understand that this new policy presents an inconvenience to your groups, and for that, we do apologize.

Please find some quick guidelines about the Naval Support Activity's new policy below:

Weekday Visitors

- Buses should still enter the Washington Navy Yard at the **11th and O St., SE gate on weekdays.** Bus parking is available in front of the Museum.
- POV access to the Navy Yard is very restrictive on weekdays. Pedestrians can enter the Yard on foot at any gate with photo ID (required for all adults over 16.) Visitors wishing to drive onto the Washington Navy Yard in a POV should access the base through the 11th and O St. SE gate.
- On weekdays, groups may visit the Museum and then walk through the turnstile to access *Barry*, but groups will not be able to re-enter the Yard through that access point. Museum or *Barry* staff will not be able to assist members of your group with getting back through the gate. If your group walks to *Barry* from the Navy Yard, buses will have to leave the Navy Yard at the 9th and M St. SE gate to pick students up outside of the 11th and O St. gate or by the Trapeze School New York (DC) at 4th St. SE and Riverfront. If a group member needs to rejoin a group on the Yard, the closest re-entry point is through security at the 11th and O St. SE gate.

Weekend and Holiday Visitors

- Buses will enter the Washington Navy Yard at the **6th and M St., SE gate on weekends and holidays** and must approach from M St. heading west bound to make the swing into the gate. Everyone over 16 needs photo ID. **Destroyer *Barry* is closed on Sundays.**
- On Saturdays, groups will be able to access display ship *Barry* via the Washington Navy Yard. They will not be able to access the Washington Navy Yard Riverwalk via turnstiles outside of the gate at 11th and O St. and the 4th St. and Riverfront gates.
- Bus parking for the U.S. Navy Museum is in the red bus spaces in front of the parking lot across from the Museum. Please find directions to the Washington Navy Yard and maps of the facility at http://www.history.navy.mil/about/navy_yard.html. Parking is plentiful in the lot in front of the Museum on weekends and is not just restricted to the bus parking spots (as it is on weekdays.)
- No food service is available on weekends and holidays.

General Information

- Museum hours: Monday-Friday-9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday-10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please note, **display ship *Barry* is closed every Sunday for weekly maintenance and some additional federal holidays!** Please call display ship *Barry* directly at (202) 433-3377 regarding their hours of operation.
- Please call the Museum Front Office at (202) 433-0235/6897 with any questions regarding Museum visitation. We have been asked to direct all questions concerning the Riverwalk opening and the new restrictions on access to display ship *Barry* to the NSAW Public Affairs Office at (202) 433-2678. Museum staff encourages you to call this number with any issues you or your group(s) encounter with the opening of the Riverwalk.
- Please refer to the map below for additional information on which gates to use when access the Washington Navy Yard.

Again, we apologize for the inconvenience, but we look forward to seeing your students at the US Navy Museum soon.

Sincerely,

Karin Hill
Director of Education and Public Programs



Parking



Visitor's Center

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Picnic Area

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